

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Ray Hampton on his retirement
as head football and baseball coach at Waverly
High School.

WHEREAS, with the retirement of Ray Hampton as head football and baseball coach at
Waverly High School, an era of excellence that spanned five decades came to an end; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hampton, a Dickson County native, moved to Nashville with his
family in 1939 and graduated from North High School in 1950, having been a star athlete at that
school; and

WHEREAS, he served four years in the United States Navy, two of which were in Japan;
following his military stint he went to Austin Peay State University, gained valuable experience
as the football team trainer for three years and graduated in 1958; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished coaching career began at Clarksville High School, in 1958,
when he became an assistant coach for the football and baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, after a few years in the grocery business, Coach Hampton became the
head football coach at Stewart County High and in his five seasons at that school the Rebels
improved significantly. He also served adroitly as coach of the girls' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, he became head football coach at Waverly in 1971, stepped down after
seven highly successful seasons and returned in 1982. His outstanding 1976 Tiger team posted
a 10-1 mark, including a victory in the Lions' Civic Bowl; and

WHEREAS, by the time he returned, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic
Association had established a system of state playoffs and over the next eight seasons his
teams made it to those playoffs, and won seven district titles in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986,
1987, 1988 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, his 1987 the Waverly team compiled a marvelous 13-1 overall record with their only loss coming in the semifinals of the state tournament. The team was unscored upon in nine games and allowed only seven total points during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hampton took a much deserved two year rest from coaching in 1990 and 1991 and returned to his familiar position as head football coach at Waverly in 1992; and

WHEREAS, he took a 2-8 team and made it a winner, with an outstanding 8-4 record in 1993 and 1994. In his final season as head coach, the Tigers had one of their best seasons ever, compiling a 10-3 record and reaching the coveted quarterfinal round of the TSSAA state playoffs; and

WHEREAS, his enviable overall record at Waverly includes 133 victories and only 66 losses, a fine winning percentage of .688, with career gridiron totals of 152 victories, 94 losses and three ties, a winning percentage of .616; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy list of honors includes being selected as a member of the Tennessee All-Star coaching staff in 1985, and being chosen the 1987 Class AA Midstate Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary record in fourteen seasons as head baseball coach at Waverly is equally impressive. His teams won an incredible 12 district championships and two regional titles. He was selected Class AA Midstate Coach of the Year when his last baseball team compiled an enviable 22-2 record; and

WHEREAS, with his numerous contributions to high school athletics, his most important contribution was inspiring a generation of young men to "Gosh darn it son, get with the program"; and

WHEREAS, he has had a positive effect on hundreds of persons who are productive members of their communities, largely as a result of his guidance, and is richly deserving of the commendation of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That

it is with a touch of sadness that we honor Coach Ray Hampton and wish him well in his retirement because we, as football and baseball fans, will sorely miss his powerful and proficient teams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Coach Hampton and to Waverly High School, with this final resolving clause deleted from such copies.